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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,000 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on the daily balance.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Deposit must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION, \$200,000
OF DIVIDENDS, \$7,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

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Bank.

HONGKONG,
INTEREST ALLOWED,
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

ON Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum;
" 6 " " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 947

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary Absence my
Business, of SHARE AND GENERAL
BROKER, and AUCTIONEER, also the AGENCY
of MR. CALDBECK, MCGREGOR &
CO. of SHANGHAI, will be conducted by MR.
W. KERFOOT HUGHES.

E. JONES HUGHES.

Hongkong, November 11, 1886. 2150

NOTICE.

WE have authorized MR. ED. MILLER
to SIGN Bills of LADING in our
Name from this date.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, November 29, 1886. 2274

NOTICE.

WE have authorized MR. HARRY
WILLIAM DICK to SIGN our Firm
in Hongkong, per Procurator.

W. H. HEWITT & CO.

Hongkong, December 4, 1886. 2200

TO LET.

ROOMS in COLDIRON CHAMBERS,
No. 12, HOLLYWOOD ROAD,
No. 5, PEDDAR'S HILL.

Apply to
DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.
Hongkong, December 3, 1886. 632

TO LET.

WITH immediate occupation the
modious PREMISES known as the
P. & O. OLD OFFICES, lately in the occupation
of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

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Undersigned.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 22, 1886. 2230

FOR SALE.

A GRAND PIANO by KAPS, in good
order, the Property of the CHORAL
SOCIETY.

Apply to
O. F. A. SANGSTER.

Hongkong, December 6, 1886. 2200

Business Notices.

CHRISTMAS!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
ARE NOW MAKING THEIR ANNUAL SHOW OF
NOVELTIES
IN
FANCY GOODS
SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

This Year's ASSORTMENT has been carefully Selected, from the Leading LONDON and PARIS HOUSES, and is the FINEST COLLECTION EVER SEEN IN HONGKONG.

of all Kinds both USEFUL and ORNAMENTAL, and all of the Best Money Value,
COMPRISING—

FANCY CHINA ORNAMENTS,
THE NEWEST TABLE DECORATIONS,
TABLE LAMPS WITH FANCY VASES,
MENU AND NAME TABLETS,
FLOWER BASKETS AND BOWLS.

INLAID AND CARVED ONYX WARE

CABINET FRAMES, TOILET SETS, INESTANDS and PAPER KNIVES,
'TANTALUS' LOCK-UP SPIRIT FRAME and PERFUME STANDS,
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Painted Mirror Cheval Screens in Brass Frames.

Painted Mirror Panels in Plush Frames.

ROSE PAINTED CHINA,
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FLORAL-FRAMED TABLE MIRRORS,
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ARTISTIC EMBOSSED LEATHER

IN A VARIETY OF USEFUL LITTLE PRESENTS, ALSO IN
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CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES,
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POCKET PENCILS and WATCH CHAINS, OPERA GLASSES,
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A LARGE VARIETY OF

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HANDSOMELY BOUND PRESENTATION BOOKS,

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TOBACCO POUCHES, TOBACCO JARS, CIGAR LIGHTERS,
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CIGAR and CIGARETTE HOLDERS IN CASES.

THE MANILAS.

(THE FINEST CIGAR possible to procure, in perfect condition.)

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AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, including many Novelties and all of guaranteed First
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it is well worth a visit, and cannot be equalled by any
other House in China or Japan.

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WINTER NOVELTIES have arrived and are well worthy of inspection.

PRESENTATION LAWN TENNIS SETS.

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Hongkong, December 9, 1886.

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Business Notices.

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SUITABLE FOR

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DIAMOND NECKLACES, DIAMOND RINGS,
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DIAMOND BRACELETS, DIAMOND SCARF PINS,
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A Magnificent DIAMOND BROOCH LILY—Price, \$4,000.

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A very Large Invoice of DIAMONDS, from ½ to 5 Carats,
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favourably in PARIS.

GOLD NECKLACES, GOLD SCARF RINGS,
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GOLD BRACELETS, GOLD SIGNET RINGS,
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A very fine Selection of PEARL JEWELLERY—the
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Gold and Silver WATCHES of the best
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GILT CARRIAGE AND DRAWING-ROOM CLOCKS.

SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE by the best
Manufacturers.

SILVER RACE CUPS.

Hongkong, December 4, 1886. 2306

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central
and airy positions in the Colony, and commanding a splendid view of almost
the entire harbour and with five minutes' walk of the principal Government
Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much en-
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The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most
comfortable and elegant manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.
The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.
An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious
large DINING HALL.
The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD
and SMOKING ROOMS.
The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.
Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORARJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1886. 1812

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HAVE R. E. C. E. L. Y. E. D.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER, ILLUSTRATED NEWS, containing a complete Novel
by Bret Harte, entitled 'A Millionaire of Rough and Ready', and large coloured Picture
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Boys' Own ANNUAL—GIRL OWN ANNUAL—EVERY BOY'S MAGAZINE—EVERY GIRL'S
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KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG. 2333

W. POWELL & CO.

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One of the Largest and Best ASSORTED STOCKS in the East.

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FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.
THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer
Phra Chon Kiao,
Capt. W. H. Watson, will be
despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 10th Instant, at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 7, 1886. 2329

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamer
Ningpo,
Captain D'EVILLE, will be
despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, December 8, 1886. 2332

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
(FLONI & RUBATTINI UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
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AND GENOA.
(Taking Cargos at through rates to MADRAS,
PERSIAN GULF, BAGDAD, and MEDITERRANEAN,
ADRIATIC and LEVANTINE
PORTS; ALEXANDRIA, ODESSA, MARSEILLE, and also to BUENOS AIRES,
MONTEVIDEO, VALPARAISO and CALLAO.)

The Co.'s Steamer
D. Baldwin,
Capt. G. DOUBRO, will be
despatched as above on
or about the 10th December.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation for Passengers and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
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Hongkong, November 19, 1886. 2207

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargos & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamer
Anchises,
Captain LAFAGE, will be
despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 11th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 2, 1886. 2209

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ-CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamer
Orpheus,
Capt. HUTCHINSON, will be
despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 11th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1886. 2317

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamer
Glenagles,
Captain PARK, will be
despatched as above on about the 13th Instant.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, December 3, 1886. 2300

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT
SAID, BRINDISI AND TRIESTE.
(Taking Cargos at through rates to GAL-
CUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN
GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and
ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamer
Elektra,
Capt. G. RAUSIN, will be
despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the AGENCY of the Company, Praya Central.

O. BACHIRAH,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 2, 1886. 2201

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, VIA FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamer
Changsha,
J. G. WILLIAMS, Com'dr, will be
despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer, first-class Saloon and Cabins arranged forward of the Engines. Second Class Passengers are accommodated in the Cabin. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions throughout the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 4, 1886. 2314

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamer
Arran Apea,
Capt. A. B. MACTAULIFF, will be
despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 8, 1886. 2304

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW-YORK.

The 3/3 L. L. American Schooner
Travers, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, December 6, 1886. 2321

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 3/3 L. L. American Ship
Harrington, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, December 4, 1886. 2310

Prospectus.

Prospectus.

PROSPECTUS
OF THE
CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERN-
MENT SEVEN PER CENT.
SILVER LOAN, 1886.

In Terms of Agreement made with His
EXCELLENCY CHUN YUN and confirmed
by the TSUNG-LI YAMEN to the
Minister at Peking on the 13th August,
1886.

The Loan is for Kuping Taels 700,000, the
equivalent of Taels 767,200, Shanghai
Soo, in Bonds of Shanghai Taels 250
each.

Interest at the rate of Seven per Cent. per
Annum, payable half-yearly on 31st
March and 30th September.

The First Payment of Interest will be made
on 31st March, 1887, and calculated
from 15th December, 1886.

The Bonds are redeemable at par by half-
yearly Drawings up to 31st March,
1897, as per Schedule attached to
Prospectus.

Principal and Interest payable at the Shang-
hai Office of the HONGKONG and SHANG-
HAI BANKING CORPORATION, and at
other Offices of the Bank at the current
rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on
Shanghai.

With reference to the foregoing the HONG-
KONG and SHANGHAI BANKING COR-
PORATION invite Tenders for the above
Loan until 4 o'clock p.m. on WED-
NESDAY, the 15th December, 1886.

No Tender will be entertained under Taels
262,00 for each Bond.

The Amount allotted must be paid in Dol-
lars at Exchange of 72 on or before the
22nd December, 1886, when letters of
allotment will be exchanged for Bonds
to bearer.

Optional Cargos will be forwarded unless
notified to the contrary to be given before 5 p.m.
on the 25th December.

The cargo remaining undespatched after the
12th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Hongkong, December 3, 1886. 2304

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Arriston*, Aspar, having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Goods are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that all
Claims must be made immediately, as none
will be entertained after the 15th Instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 7, 1886. 2327

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenarm*, having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo by her are hereby informed that
those Goods, with the exception of Opium,
are being landed at their risk into the
hands of the Undersigned, whence and/or
to the Wharves or Boats delivery may
be obtained.

Optional Cargos will be forwarded unless
notified to the contrary to be given before 5 p.m.
on the 25th December.

The cargo remaining undespatched after the
12th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 7, 1886. 2327

To-day's Advertisements.

PROSPECTUS
OF THE
FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF
SHANGHAI, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.....T.Ls. 1,000,000
IN 100 SHARES OF T.Ls. 100 EACH,
PAID-UP CAPITAL T.Ls. 250,000.

(It is intended to call up only T.Ls. 25
per Share, of which T.Ls. 10 is to be
paid on application, and the T.Ls.
15 on allotment.)

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
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THEIR CAN BE NO question that the
constant growth of Shanghai, and the
expansion of its trade, shew that there is
plenty of room for another local Fire
Insurance Company.

The prosperity of the Hongkong and the
China Fire Insurance Companies, a very
large part of whose business is contributed
in Shanghai, is a proof of the safety of such
an institution as is now contemplated; and
the promises of support already received
justify the belief that this Company will
also be a success.

It is not the intention of the
promoters to enter into any hostile
competition with the existing institutions, as
they are satisfied that the field here is
sufficiently large without doing so.

The sum which it is proposed to call up
will give ample security to investors. One
of the objects is proposed to pay first,
interest at the rate of ten per cent. per
annum upon the paid-up capital of the
Association, and to divide the remainder
such as sum as the shareholders from
time to time decide to set apart towards the
formation of a reserve fund, among the contribu-
tors to their proportion in proportion to their
contributions.

The Association will be registered in
Hongkong as a Limited Company, under
the Hongkong Ordinances.

Half the capital of the Company has al-
ready been applied for, and further applica-
tions, accompanied by a deposit of ten
taels per share applied for, will be received
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, Hongkong, at the General Managers' office.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
Pokien,
Captain HALL, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 12th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURIAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 9, 1886. 2336

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND
ADELAIDE.

(Cailing at PORT DARWIN & QUEENS-
LAND PORTS, and taking through
Cago to NEW ZEALAND, TAS-
MANIA, &c.)

The Departure of the
Co.'s Steamship
Deonhurst,
Captain HALL, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 22nd Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURIAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 9, 1886. 2341

At the German barque "Amic," Captain Kronck, was leaving the harbour early this morning for Iloilo under sail, she collided with the German ship "Theodor Beyer," which was lying at anchor in the Western end of the harbour, by getting across her bows. Fortunately the damage was confined to the carrying away of the ship's jib-boom and to some slight injuries to the barque. The damage is estimated at \$100.

Signs of the approach of Christmas are multiplying. And one of the most prominent is the display of Christmas delicacies and goods which are now being made by the storekeepers. Probably the best and certainly the largest of these displays is being made by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co. This firm's collection of delicacies and fancy goods as a 'sight' alone are well worth a visit, and those who are in search of good things wherewith to cheer the inner man when the festive time comes round, or who wish to give their friends a pleasant surprise with some pretty and lasting token, will find no difficulty in satisfying their wants. We need not enumerate the many excellent articles which they have on view, but would simply recommend all comers to pay their stores a visit.

We learn that several of the official Justices of the Peace still feel somewhat sore over their exclusion from the voting for the representatives of the Justices in Council. They admit that it might seem a little peculiar if the election of an unofficial member of the Legislative Council were to depend in any way upon the action of officials, but they naturally and perhaps reasonably complain that this matter was not left to their own sense of right. This may or may not be the correct view to take of the question; and, indeed, we think that, taking everything into consideration, it is better that the officials should not be allowed to vote. We do not say that a *proposal* of the present election, for there is not much doubt but that the official vote would have merely confirmed the declared result. But the official Justices have one grievance of which they may fairly complain. When Mr Sassoon was elected, the instructions and mode of procedure were previously published in the Government Gazette, and every official knew what he had to do and what he had not to do. On the present occasion not a word appeared officially in the *Gazette*, or anywhere else; and as each of the official Justices received the circular notice issued by Mr N. G. Mitchell-Innes, calling upon the body of Justices to select one of their number to sit in Council in the place of Mr F. D. Sassoon, it was only natural that officials occupying that position should suppose that they were to take part in the proceedings. It was not until the meeting was in progress, at which the election took place, that the letter from the Acting Colonial Secretary was read, in which it was declared that it was expedient that official Justices should abstain from taking part in the proceedings. Surely this official expression should have been referred to in the notice forwarded to the official Justices, or else the officials should have been left out of the proceedings altogether. There is an orderly manner of conducting such matters; and on this occasion the official letter which was made public at the election meeting should have been published earlier. Probably Mr Mitchell-Innes—who presided at the election meeting—remained seated during the entire proceedings, owing to the fact that he felt that he was acting as the important mouthpiece of the Government in this particular. It is always a good sign to see a man standing on his rights. In this case, the Chairman sat on them throughout, and he no doubt thought he was right in so doing. There were many present, however, who thought he would have done better had he risen to the occasion. He certainly would have shown better taste.

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